

OCTOBER 2009

MOUNDS STATE PARK

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Interpretive Naturalists: Angie Manuel, Steve Thompson, Leslie Nocton

DNR website: www.interpretiveservices.in.gov

INTERPRETIVE CENTER HOURS: Monday-Saturday 9-4pm, Sunday 11-4pm

PLEASE NOTE: Programs are free of charge (except as noted) and open to the public after paying the park admission fee. **All programs begin promptly at scheduled times.**

PROGRAM LOCATIONS: **VC**—Visitor Center **VCP**—Visitor Center Porch **CG** – Campground Showers. The public is encouraged to attend **Campground** programs. Park at the **Campground Entrance** and then walk up to the shower building or designated campsite. **HP/HP** – Healthy Parks, Healthy People. These programs highlight our quest for a healthy forest with healthy wildlife; and/or promote a healthy lifestyle through walking and hiking.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3

11:00am – LEAF COLLECTING HIKE- Need to collect and identify leaves for your school project? Learn how to identify common Indiana trees during this hike. **VCP – HP/HP**

2:00pm – HIDE AND GO SEEK – Camouflage is the name of the game for woodland creatures, especially when the leaves fall from the trees. Join us for this fun hike. **VCP**

7:30pm –FULL MOON HIKE – No flashlights needed on this night hike because a full moon will be out. Join us for this fun easy hike starting at the **Campground Shower Building**.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4

2:00pm- MYSTERIES OF THE MOUNDS- Stroll into our prehistoric past on this easy hike. Discover the who, when, why, and how the mounds were built. **VCP- HP/HP**

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8

6:30pm – EVENING BIRD HIKES - **Back by popular demand**, Jeff Brailey, will lead an easy hike every Thursday evening in October with new and interesting topics on birds. Bring your binoculars if you have them, but we'll have a few to borrow too. **Visitor Center Porch**.

7:00pm – FRIENDS OF MOUNDS STATE PARK - Join us for the Friends meeting to discuss new projects and ways to support the park. Refreshments served. **VC**

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10

9:00am – BREAKFAST WITH THE BIRDS – Join us for coffee and donuts as we watch for birds at the wildlife window. Bring binoculars if you have them, we'll have some too. **VC**

2:00pm- NATURAL DYES WORKSHOP - Nature provides an amazing palette of colors - discover what pokeberry, walnuts, and sassafras leaves can do for fabrics and yarn. Bring a t-shirt, handkerchief, or other material from home. (You can buy a t-shirt or handkerchief from us too - craft fee varies from \$1 - \$3.) **VC**

7:30pm-THE “EYES” HAVE IT – Nocturnal animals have special eyes that allow them to see well into the darkness. Join us on this night hike. **Campground Showers**.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11

2:30pm- LEAF COLLECTING HIKE- Need to collect and identify leaves for your school project? Learn how to identify common Indiana trees during this hike. **VCP – HP/HP**

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15

6:30pm – EVENING BIRD HIKES - Jeff Brailey, will lead an easy bird hike every Thursday evening in October. Bring your binoculars, or we'll have a few to borrow too. **VCP**.

KIDS FALL FUNFEST WEEKEND October 16-18

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16

7:00pm-8:30pm- SPOOKY CRITTERS TRAIL – Join us for this kid-friendly stroll through the woods on an illuminated trail. Discover some of the not-so-scary woodland animals here at Mounds State Park.

***Hikes are led in 30 minute intervals – 7:00,7:30,8:00,8:30. **VCP**

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17

11:30am-2:30pm-KID'S FALL FUNFEST – Enjoy Halloween-inspired games, activities, and crafts. Come hungry too, because we'll have cider, caramel apples, and more for sale. **VC**

3:00-4:00pm-TRICK OR TREATING– Get your costume ready and take a tour of the **campground** for safe and fun trick or treating. Open to the public.

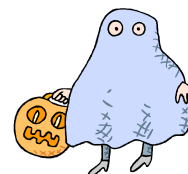
Parking is available near the campground store.

7:00pm-CAMPSITE DECORATING CONTEST- Judges will tour the campground and evaluate your creations. Participants can join us at

7:45pm BEHIND THE CAMPGROUND SHOWERS when we'll declare the winners and handout prizes.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18

2:00pm-PUMPKIN CARVING- Join us for some fun fall pumpkin carving. Participants can bring their own pumpkin, but we'll have some donated pumpkins to give out as well (supplies are limited.) We'll supply the stencil, tools, and a bag so you can take home the seeds. **VC**



THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22

6:30pm – EVENING BIRD HIKES - Jeff Brailey, will lead an easy bird hike every Thursday evening in October. Bring your binoculars, or we'll have a few to borrow too. **VCP**.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23 & SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24

7:00pm-10:00pm

“SHOCKTOBERFEST” HAUNTED TRAIL

Join us for a frightfully good time! You may have walked these trails in the daylight, but be prepared to experience them like never before. Guides will walk you into the darkest woods and down the spookiest trail. Children under 16 must be accompanied by parent. The Haunted Trail is not recommended for young children - Parents, please use your best judgment. **HAUNTED TRAIL cost is \$4/person.**

Event begins and ends in the Pool Parking Lot.

EVENT CO-SPONSORS: Proceeds benefit Highland High School International Club, Highland Choirs, and Chesterfield Boy Scouts Troop #230.

HAYRIDES – Join us for a family-friendly hayride. Bundle up for great ride through the park. Cost is \$1/person.

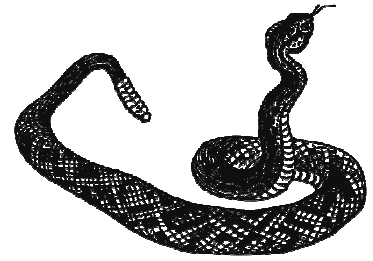


Special Presentation by Brown County State Park

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24

**11:00am – FANGS, FEARS, & FACTS:
VENOUMOUS SNAKES OF INDIANA**

Get up close and personal to some of Indiana's venomous and non-venomous snakes. Brown County State Park Interpreter Brittany Davis will show off a timber rattlesnake, copperhead, and more. Seating is limited, so come early. **VC**



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25

1:00pm- FEEDING FRENZY – After you've had your lunch, come watch our nature center critters gobble down their favorite foods. **VC**

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29

6:30pm – EVENING BIRD HIKES - Jeff Brailey, will lead an easy bird hike every Thursday evening in October. Bring your binoculars, or we'll have a few to borrow too. **VCP**.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31 HALLOWEEN

11:00am-GOING BATTY- "They'll get in my hair!" Learn the truth and the myths about bats by playing some fun games and activities. **VC**

2:00pm-WEBS OF FUN – Discover Indiana's eight-legged friends of the forest. Learn to appreciate a spider's beautiful webwork, and make one of your own to take home. **VC**

5:00pm-OWL PROWL - Have you ever heard a hoot at night and wondered "whooo" made that noise? Discover the wonderful world of Indiana owls on this night hike. **VC**

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1

1:00pm- LET'S TALK TURKEY – It's November, and Thanksgiving is right around the corner. Did you know that Benjamin Franklin wanted the turkey to be our national symbol? **VC**



Find out how you can help support Mounds State Park by becoming a member of the Friends Group. Visit their website at www.MoundsStatePark.org or ask about it at the Nature Center (765) 649-8128.

Mark your calendars now! Mounds 2009 Special Events

October 16-18

Kid's Fall Funfest &
Camping Weekend

October 17

Halloween Campsite Decorating
Contest

October 23-24

Haunted Trail &
Family-Friendly Hayride

December 5

Gingerbread Man Puppet Show

December 12

Holidays are for the Birds!